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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: POSSIBLE USE OF UNAPPROVED FARES

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TELECON 2/22/78

1. TWA REP LANGLEY, AFTER CHECKING WITH NEW YORK, INFORMED CIVAIR ATTACHE LATE FEB. 22 THAT TWA DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO USE BUDGET AND STANDBY FARES ON ADDITIONAL ROUTES BEGINNING FEB. 24. HE ATTRIBUTED CONTRARY INFORMATION REPORTEDLY OBTAINED FROM HIS OWN STAFF TO A MISUNDERSTANDING.

2. WHEN THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO BROWN OF THE UK DEPT. OF TRADE HE EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT, SAYING THAT A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION LATE FEB. 21 BETWEEN DEPUTY SECRETARY SHOVELTON OF UKDOT AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE KATZ HAD CONFIRMED TWA'S INTENTIONS TO USE THE FARES, WHILE LEAVING OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT PANAM WOULD TAKE SIMILAR ACTION EX-US BEGINNING FEB. 23.

3. ON BASIS REF (B) CIVAIR ATTACHE INFORMED BROWN, STILL ON FEB. 22, THAT DEPARTMENT HAD ADVISED PANAM AND TWA AGAINST CARRYING PASSENGERS ON FARES NOT APPROVED
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BY THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES, AND THAT IT APPEARED THEY WOULD PROBABLY HEED THAT RECOMMENDATION. BROWN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND SAID SOME OF THE HEAT WOULD THEREFORE GO OUT OF A MEMO TO SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRADE DELL WHICH HE WAS THEN PREPARING.

4. WHEN CIVAIR ATTACHE SAW BROWN MORNING OF THE 23RD

HE SAID THAT HIS REPORTS FROM THE US (APPARENTLY FROM BRITISH EMBASSY, WASHINGTON) WERE THAT SOME ELEMENTS AT LEAST OF THE US GOVERNMENT WERE ENCOURAGING TWA TO IMPLEMENT THE UNAPPROVED FARES, SAYING THAT THE USG WOULD NOT ACT AND THAT IT WAS DOUBTFUL IF THE UKG HAD AUTHORITY TO ACT. THE DEPT. OF TRADE, SAID BROWN, WERE DISAPPOINTED AND UPSET THAT THE USG WAS ENCOURAGING AIRLINES TO ACT CONTRARY TO BERMUDA 2. (WHEN THE ATTACHE ASKED IF HE WERE SAYING THAT HIS WASHINGTON SOURCES WERE TELLING HIM THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF WHAT THE ATTACHE HAD SAID THE PREVIOUS EVENING, HE SAID, "YES.")

5. ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORT REACHING BROWN, TWA BOAR AT ONE TIME HAD DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT THE FARES EFFECTIV FEB. 24 BUT WAS APPARENTLY RECONSIDERING. PANAM HAD AGREED NOT TO IMPLEMENT THEM.

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